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SUBJECT: AIDSAT DEMO

1. CHARGE CALLED IN BY PRIME MINISTER ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-GHANI JULY 31, TO BE TOLD THAT PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF WOULD LEAD YEMENI PARTICIPATION IN PANEL PORTION OF AIDSAT DEMOSTRATION.

2. THIS HIGH LEVEL SPONORSHIP IS, OF COURSE, VERY VALUABLE IN MAKING IMPACT WHICH WE DESIRE HERE.

3. AVAILABILITY OF PROPER TAPED REMARKS BY PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD, IN VIEW OF PRIME MINISTER'S PARTICIPATION, BE ALL THE MORE WELCOME AS PART OF THE U.S. -YAR EXCHANGE. WE HOPE THAT THE REMARKS WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC, CONSISTENT WITH THE LANGUAGE OF THE REST OF THE BROADCAST. FOR OUR OWN PART WE WILL TRANSLATE TEXT HERE AND DISTRIBUTE IT TO ATTENDEES BUT FOR RE-BROADCAST ON SANA TELEVISION TRANSLATION FROM SOURCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE VOICE-OVER OF FILM LOCALLY BUT THAT POSES TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARE NOT EASY TO SOLVE IN YEMEN.

4. MISSION IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO DEVISE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS
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TO ALLOW SIMULTANEOUS BROADCAST OF PROGRAM BUT ALL OF THESE

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HAVE DRAWBACKS. WE PREFER FILM OF PROGRAM WHICH COULD BE SENT FROM U.S. FOR SUBSEQUENT BRAODCAST HERE. REQUEST THAT AID WASHINGTON CONFIRM THIS IS POSSIBILITY. WE WILL SEND FINAL DECISION OF YAR AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. NEED TO KNOW EARLIEST WHETHER ELEVATIONS WHICH WE SHOT EARLIER (SANA 2574) POSE ANY PROBLEMS TO RECEIPTION OR TRANSMISSION.

6. REFERENCE STATE 186824: WE WILL ATTEMPT TO BOOK SECURE TELEPHONE LINE WITH MADRID AS REQUESTED BUT OVERSEAS COMMUNICATIONS HERE ARE HIGHLY UNRELIABLE AND WE CANNOT OFFER ASSURANCES OF SUCCESS.
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